



**West Company  
Ukiah, CA**

<b>Project Title</b>	West Company IDA Program
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<b>AFI Grant Amount</b>	\$47,058
<b>Nonfederal Support</b>	\$47,058
<b>Project Period</b>	September 2003 – September 2008
<b>Highlights</b>	West Company is expanding its existing AFI Project and offering 30 IDAs, including 21 for microenterprise and 9 for homeownership. The match rate is \$2 to \$1, up to \$1,000 in participant savings deposited over a 24 month period. Core training is provided, along with employment support, childcare, crisis management, mentoring, peer support, counseling, and credit repair.
<b>Target Population</b>	Individuals in Mendocino County, California who have worked with West Company to develop microenterprises.
<b>Grantee/Collaborative Description</b>	West Company is a microenterprise service organization founded in 1988. Partner agencies include community colleges and various human services and job empowerment agencies. National Bank of the Redwoods contributed a \$25,000 grant for the nonfederal match. Additional support comes through the Federal Home Loan Bank program. California FarmLink provided \$8,000 in matching funds to help support farm-related microenterprises. National Bank and Humboldt Bank waived account fees and reduced the minimum opening balance requirement for IDA participants.